

## ON SEPT. 11, POPE ASKS WORLD LEADERS TO REJECT VIOLENCE AND HATRED...

### Post-9/11 New York: A Secular City?



#### **George Marlin**

In February 1995, my first month on the job as Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New

Jersey, I was invited to a memorial Mass, observing the anniversary of the February 26, 1993 terrorist bombing of 1 World Trade Center that killed six people, at downtown Manhattan's St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

### The story behind Rome's Castel Sant' Angelo: the escape route used by Popes...

### 9/11 Anniversary Linkfest...



#### **Elizabeth Scalia**

If you read nothing else, today, do read Deacon Greg's homily for the day.. As Sr. Mary Ann Walsh points

out, in her own excellent essay, the Mass readings hit the mark, and Deacon Greg's homily makes it all down to a relate-able level by remembering a Super Bowl moment and how it all works together: The half time entertainment was Bono.

### The sins of The Guardian copy desk...



#### **Terry Mattingly**

OK, OK. I know that the error I am about to dissect appears in a column, not a news report. But this is

ridiculous. Who edits copy for The Guardian these days? Who writes the newspaper's headlines? Who is in charge of preventing errors?

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### Heaven's Music - the call of divine silence...



#### **Anthony Lilles**

Heaven's music penetrates our earthly existence and invites us to deep prayer, to the radiant solemnity of

God's inexhaustible love. Enveloping each moment of time is a symphony of divine silence. An eternal melody resounds in every earthly sorrow if we have the heart to listen.

### "It's official: I'm a bishop"...



#### **Deacon Greg Kandra**

With those historic words, North America's youngest bishop — 40-year-old Thomas Dowd, of Montreal —

yesterday tweeted the happy news of his ordination. In fact, throughout the day, the cheerful blogger (whose site is called "Waiting in Joyful Hope" ) used Twitter to update the world on the biggest day of his life.

### Of Lepers and Monks...



#### **Fr. Mark Daniel Kirby**

The light of the Kingdom

### When God Seems Distant: A Meditation on the Omnipresence of God...



#### **Msgr. Charles Pope**

We have all experienced times in our life when God seems distant, quite far from our heart and

mind. Perhaps we been influenced in this experience by disappointment, loss, grief, depression or boredom. Praying seems hard, and God seems to hide his face. Some years ago, I was given a prayer card of sorts; really more...

### Ten Years On...



#### **Rocco Palmo**

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and

traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here — the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters...

### Finding Forgiveness Through The Magnificence of Mercy A Meditation on the Gospel for the 24th Sunday of the Year...

### Seven, seventy-seven, and seventy times seven - How Christ fulfills the prophecy of Daniel...



#### **Fr. Ryan Erlenbush**

The prophet Daniel 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Matthew 18:21-35 Peter approached Jesus and asked him,

How does the following make it into print?

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### [Live tweeting the next 24 hours...](#)

#### ***Bishop Thomas Dowd***



By this time tomorrow, I will be a bishop. I doubt I will have time to blog in person, but I have set up my Twitter account with my mobile number to accept SMS tweets, as well as set up my blog to auto-update with those tweets. If you want to follow the Twitter feed directly, I'm at @fatherdowd.

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shines where the Gospel is announced, and where the Cross is lifted up. What is the Sacred Liturgy, if not proclamation of the Gospel and exaltation of the mystery of the Cross? In the liturgy, the light of the Kingdom, the light refracted by the Beatitudes, reaches a density--an intensity--found nowhere...

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### ["Big" Pro-Choice Rally in Kansas Draws Only 30 People...](#)



#### ***Lisa Graas***

After being advertised in two local newspapers and with over 1300 invitations sent on Facebook, a "pro-choice" rally at the Kansas Statehouse attracted only 30 abortion proponents. The rally was sponsored by Speak for Choice which bills itself as a "reproductive justice" organization.

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### [Are Anglican Ordinations Valid?](#)



#### ***Joe Heschmeyer***

This came up in the comments with Tess, an Anglo-Catholic with a love for the Catholic Church that I wish more Catholics shared. She mentioned that we Catholics reject the validity of female Anglican clergy. But the truth is: we Catholics reject the validity of all Anglican clergy. Let me explain why. Pope Leo XIII Back in 1897...

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### [Get this entire Catholic website on CD-ROM...](#)

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

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### [A Not So National Prayer Service In Washington For 9/11, and A "No-Prayer" Service in NYC...](#)

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### [Seven Beautiful Paintings by Bouguereau...](#)



#### ***Stacy Trasancos***

For 7 Quick Takes Friday here are seven Bouguereau paintings. Thanks to Jen for hosting. The first one has become one of my favorite paintings, L'Innocence by William Adolph Bouguereau (1825-1905). He was a French Academic painter, a style of painting and sculpture produced under the influence of European academies of art.

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